

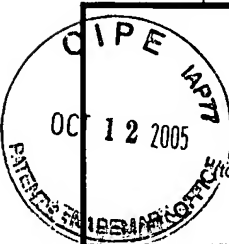
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Sir:

In response to the third, non-final Office Action mailed September 22, 2005, please reconsider the patentability of the pending claims based on the following remarks.

In the third Office Action, Claims 1-4, 6-9, 11-12 and 14-18 were rejected for alleged obviousness over Fell, Sr. in view of Pisklula. Because of the amendments to independent Claim 20, the examiner advised that Claim 20 stands as withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. Claims 11-12 and 14-19 were rejected under 35 USC §112, first paragraph, for allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement.

The examiner cites Fig. 3 of Fell, Sr., and alleges that it would have been obvious in light of Piskula "to provide for the knockout of the former (Fell, Sr.) to be located and sized as taught by the latter (Piskula) in order to prevent entry into the pipe." This obviousness rejection is respectfully traversed.